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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 9, 2006, please enter the following amendments and remarks. A response is due on Sunday July 9, 2006, making the actual due date Monday, July 10, 2006.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to Restriction Requirement mailed June 9, 2006, Applicants elect with traverse Group I, claims 44, 48, in part, 43, 45-47, 49-52, 55, and 58, drawn to polynucleotides that encode a sialyltransferases related to SEQ ID NO:9.